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Examiner: Ms. Jasmine J. B. Clark In re PATENT APPLICATION of Applicant(s): Tadashi YAMAGUCHI Serial No.: 10/621,561 Filed: July 18, 2003 For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING STEP-LIKE **SECTION** ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE **AMENDMENT** SUBSTRATE, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME Atty Dkt: OKI 284C1 June 30, 2004 Commissioner for Patents

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of April 6, 2004, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on July 6, 2004.

A fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicants hereby provisionally petition for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Commissioner may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.

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